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[Despatch Abstract.]

For st - Grievances - Memorandum by the South Kanara Catholic
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Dev. 4303 I
28-9-35

Copy of D.O. 1-305/35 dated the 27th September 1935 from the Private Secretary to H.E. the Governor to the Secretary to the Govt. of Madras, Development Dept.

I enclose a copy of memorandum of subjects which the South Kanara Catholic Association wishes to discuss with His Excellency when he receives a deputation from that body during his tour in the South Kanara district next month, together with a copy of the Collector's notes. Would you kindly arrange to send for His Excellency's use a brief note on the points raised in the memorandum which relate to your Department so as to reach me not later than the 9th October?

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Extract from the memorandum proposed to be given to His Excellency Lord Erskine, G.C.I.E., Governor of Fort St. George, Madras, by the members of the South Kanara Catholic Association.

FORESTS.

G.O. 764-64 A Rev 23-9-90 (13)

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Vide G.O. 501-IA 20-7-1888

G.O. No. 1165 17-7-90

G.O. 888-689 Rev 19-12-94 (M)

EXTRACT FROM THE COLLECTOR'S NOTE ON THE CATHOLIC DEPUTATION.

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DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT.

Extract of Secretary's note.:

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The old, old story; already fully noted on for H. E.

C. A. H.
28/9/35.

5 Development Department

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Office Note.

The complaints of the Association are not peculiar to the Roman Catholics of South Kanara alone. They apply to all the ryots of South Kanara and relate to the withdrawal of certain concessions granted to them by the Chief Conservator of Forests in 1922 and which have since been withdrawn in respect of 17 reserves owing to abuse. The question has been noted on in full in connection with the address which the Mangalore Municipal Council proposed to give to His Excellency the Governor during his ~~visit to~~ evening tour in South Kanara. The file was sent to the Private Secretary to H.E. the Governor on 26-9-35.

(most ill-advisedly)

With reference to the Collector's note above reference is solicited to the linked file from which it will be seen that H.E. C-1 proposed to visit the district soon to consider the grievances of the ryots.

The case may be forwarded to the Private Secretary to H.E. the Governor.

3/10/35

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P.S.G.

Returned with thanks, with an extract from the proceedings of the deputation.

P.S.G.
30/10/35.

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On Monday, 14th October 1935, His Excellency the Governo received a deputation from the S.Kanara Catholic Association at Bangalore consisting of the following gentlemen:-

Mr.M.G.Sreshta, M.L.C.
Mr.M.S.Pais, Retired Deputy Collector.
Rao Sahib Dr.D.R.Colaco, Retired Health Officer.
Mr.C.Saldanha, Coffee Merchant.
Rao Sahib A.L.Pinto, Honorary Secretary, S.Kanara Catholic Association.
Mr.F.P.S.Albuquerque, Tile Manufacturer.

The deputation presented the attached memorandum to His Excellency and hoped that their representations would receive the attention of the Government. They proceeded to amplify their arguments under each subject mentioned in their memorandum.

Regarding Forests, they stated that Sir Archibald Campbell had classified them as:-

1. Provincial forests intended for revenue purposes, and
2. Ryots' forests intended entirely for the benefit of the people.

They complained that latterly the classification of some of the ryots' forests had been wrongly changed to provincial forests though they still remained ryots' forests.

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His Excellency assured them that he would have their representations carefully examined.

Para 3 of Rs. 94 Dev (G) 21.1.27

The forests will divided into three classes according to the Whitehead's classification, viz.

(1) Forests which should be permanently retained under the control of the Forest Department, and

(2) Forests the classification of which should be reviewed after the Panchayat shall have shown themselves trustworthy in the efficient protection of forests and

(3) Forests over which the Forest Department will relinquish control.

All the forests will thus be classified into three classes, viz.

(1) Forests to be retained permanently under the control of the Forest Department

2) Forests over which the Forest Deptt. will relinquish control on the formation of Panchayats, i.e., Local or village forests.

Forests under item (1) above, are subdivided into

(a) Provincial remunerative

(b) Provincial unremunerative

3 It is true that some of the local or village forests have been transferred to the management of the Forest Department, as the Panchayats could not efficiently manage them. Though these village forests were taken back owing to their bad management by the Panchayats, their classification as village forests do not change, as relinquishment by the Deptt. The point was elaborately examined in connection with the transfer of the Nandaivanam A+B Blocks in the Nilgiris Dt. and the Government decided that these village forests even after their transfer to the Forest Department should continue to be classed as village forests.

Fo. 1228 dtd 28.8.84 (D)

Fo. 33 dtd 8-1-85 (E)

Draft. The case may be sent to the C.C. no. for any remarks 29.4.85

ASSISTANT SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
8-DEC 1935
DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

CHIEF CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS
9-DEC 1935
MADRAS

Ref may have to offer. During the coming tour of the Collr South Kanara with whom the present complaint and the enclosed papers will be preferred to him and suitable reply given.

I am not quite sure what the complaint is regarding the classification of forests. It is not a fact that the classification of ryoti forests is changed on their retransfer to the Forest Deptt.

RK
2.12.35

I don't understand it either & I am really sure the allegation is untrue. Has there been any case of transfer of "ryoti forests" back to the Forest Deptt. in S. Kanara?

Attn 3/12

Dev. Sec. 6303/35-1
6.12.35

C.C.F. to

M.F.B.
5/12.

U.O.

Resubmitted.

2. No forests were ever classified as ryots forests in the South Kanara district.

M.F. Bridge
7/12.
for Ag. Chief Conservator.

Dev. Sec. 5643-1
9-12-35.

To the Secretary to Government,
Development Department.
C.C's u.o.No.9257/35-C1,
dated 6-12-1935.

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RK
7/12

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Dev. Dept

To AS.

Please see the C.E's reply overleaf No further action seems called for. The papers may be Recorded"

Dev
13.12.95

JAR
16/12/95

JVS
16/12/95 S

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P.S.G.

Seen and returned with thanks.

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To AS

The draft order submitted below is for approval

RL
21/12

JAR
9/01/96

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C.F. 16.

DRAFT FOR APPROVAL.

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SUBJECT :— Forwarding memorandum from S. Kanara Catholic Association to S. Kanara Papers received

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